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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Atsuhiko Ohta et al.

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For: Steel bar for steering rack, manufacturing
method of the same, and steering rack
using the same

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

Submitted herewith are three Japanese patent publications, which were cited in the attached Japanese Office Action, issued in connection with the corresponding Japanese application. Relevance of the Japanese patent publications can be gleaned from their respective English Abstracts and from the attached translation of said Japanese Office Action.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

Dated: May 8, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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